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Tentative Program, Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities

Santa Cruz, September 18-20, 1933

Monday, September 18, 1933

9.30 a.m.

Opening Session—Presiding, Dr. Wm. B. Wells, Riverside County Health Officer; President, Health Officers Section, League of California Municipalities.

Invocation—The Reverend P. J. McGrath.

Welcome—Dr. John P. Harrington, City Health Officer, Santa Cruz, California.

Dr. Samuel D. Randall, Santa Cruz County Health Officer, Santa Cruz, California.

Response—Dr. Wm. B. Wells, Riverside County Health Officer; President, Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities.

Address—"Objectives for 1933-34"—Dr. Giles S. Porter, Director, State Department of Public Health; Secretary, Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities.

Address—"Medical Profession and Public Health"—Dr. George G. Reinle, President, California Medical Association.

Address—"Preventive Activities of California Medical Association Cancer Commission"—Dr. Alson R. Kilgore, Secretary, California Medical Association Cancer Commission.

Address—"The California White House Conference"—Dr. Ellen S. Stadtmuller, Chairman, Executive Committee, California White House Conference.

2.00 p.m.

Presiding—Dr. Frank L. Kelly, City Health Officer, Berkeley, California; Vice-President, Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities.

Address—"The County Health Department from the Standpoint of a County Supervisor"—Honorable C. L. Preisker, Chairman, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

Discussion—Dr. Harold E. Morrison, San Mateo County Health Officer, San Mateo, California.

Dr. Kenneth H. Sutherland, Orange County Health Officer, Santa Ana, California.

Address—"The City Health Department from the Standpoint of a City Councilman"—Mrs. Carrie Hoyt, Councilman, Berkeley, California.

Discussion—Dr. Herbert F. True, City Health Officer, Sacramento, California.

Dr. P. J. Cuneo, City Health Officer, Bakersfield, California.

Address—"Making the Most of the B. Coli Test of Water"—Mr. C. G. Gillespie, Chief, Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, State Department of Public Health, Sacramento, California.

Discussion—Mr. Louis Olsen, City Health Officer, Palo Alto, California.

Dr. G. E. McDonald, City Health Officer, Long Beach, California.

Address—"The Calcium and Phosphorus Problem and the Average Diet"—Dr. Nina Simmons Estill, San Francisco, California.

Discussion—Dr. Guy S. Millberry, Dean, University of California College of Dentistry, San Francisco, California.

Dr. J. D. Dunshee, City Health Officer, Pasadena, California.

Tuesday, September 19, 1933

9.30 a.m.

Presiding—Dr. Wm. B. Wells, Riverside County Health Officer; President, Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities.

Address—"What the Health Officer Expects of the Nurse"—Dr. W. A. Powell, Contra Costa County Health Officer, Martinez, California.

Discussion—Dr. Allen F. Gillihan, San Luis Obispo County Health Officer, San Luis Obispo, California.

Address—"What the Nurse Expects of the Health Officer"—Rachel N. Miller, R. N., Supervisor, Nursing Division, City Health Department, Oakland, California.

Discussion—Dr. Charles R. Blake, City Health Officer, Richmond, California.
Miss Ernestine Schwab, Chief Nurse, City Health Department, San Francisco, California.

Address—"Should the Health Department Accept Medical Relief Responsibilities?"—Dr. John J. Sippy, San Joaquin County Health Officer, Stockton, California.

Discussion—Dr. I. O. Church, Alameda County Health Officer, Oakland, California.

12.30 p.m.

Joint luncheon with California Association of Dairy and Milk Inspectors.

Presiding—Dr. Giles S. Porter, Director, State Department of Public Health; Secretary, Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities.

Address—"New Regulations for Milk Inspection Services Proposed by The Department of Agriculture"—Dr. C. U. Duckworth, Chief, State Division of Animal Industry, Sacramento, California.

Discussion—General.

2.00 p.m.

Presiding—Dr. Herbert F. True, City Health Officer, Sacramento, California; Vice-President, Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities.

Address—"The Public Health Laboratory"—Dr. W. H. Kellogg, Director, State Hygiene Laboratory, Berkeley, California.

Discussion—Dr. R. V. Stone, Los Angeles County Health Department, Los Angeles, California.

Dr. F. L. Kelly, City Health Officer, Berkeley, California.

Address—"Health Education"—Professor N. Keys, Associate Professor of Education, University of California, Berkeley, California.

Discussion—Dr. James E. Pendergrass, Fresno County Health Officer, Fresno, California.

Address—"Certain Epidemiological Characteristics of Psittacosis"—Miss Ida May Stevens, Assistant Epidemiologist, State Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California.

Discussion—Dr. F. A. Wilmot, City Health Officer, Glendale, California.

Dr. K. F. Meyer, Medical Director, Hooper Foundation for Medical Research, San Francisco, California.

7.00 p.m.

Annual Banquet—Toastmaster, Dr. Wm. B. Wells, President, Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities.

Address—"Training of Public Health Personnel"—Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, President, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

Wednesday, September 20, 1933

9.30 a.m.

Presiding—Dr. Wm. B. Wells, Riverside County Health Officer; President, Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities.

Address—"Vital Statistics"—Mrs. Marie B. Stringer, State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Sacramento, California.

Discussion—Dr. Wm. Eaton, City Health Officer, Santa Barbara, California.

Dr. Wm. Reasoner, City Health Officer, Santa Monica, California.

Address—"Tuberculosis Control in the Health Department"—Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles County Health Officer, Los Angeles, California.

Discussion—Dr. Arthur Heironymus, City Health Officer, Oakland, California.

Mr. Wm. F. Higby, Executive Secretary, California Tuberculosis Association, San Francisco, California.

Address—"Some Acute Health Problems Which Affect California"—Dr. K. F. Meyer, Medical Director, Hooper Foundation for Medical Research, San Francisco, California.

Discussion—Dr. J. P. Gray, Assistant Director, State Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California.

Mr. Charles W. Arthur, City Health Department, Pasadena, California.

2.00 p.m.

Presiding—Dr. Wm. B. Wells, Riverside County Health Officer; President Health Officers' Section, League of California Municipalities.

Address—"The Part-Time Health Officer"—Dr. C. M. Burchiel, Santa Clara County Health Officer, San Jose, California.

Discussion—Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, City Health Officer, Ontario, California.

Dr. J. H. Kuser, Marin County Health Officer, San Rafael, California.

Address—"Venereal Disease Control"—Dr. Lee A. Stone, Madera County Health Officer, Madera, California.

Discussion—Dr. E. B. Godfrey, San Bernardino County Health Officer, San Bernardino, California.

Dr. R. M. Fortier, Monterey County Health Officer, Salinas, California.

Address—"Western Public Health Problems"—Dr. Platt W. Covington, Western Representative, International Health Division, Rockefeller Foundation, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Discussion—Dr. Warren F. Fox, Imperial County Health Officer, El Centro, California.

Dr. R. C. Main, Santa Barbara County Health Officer, Santa Barbara, California.

Address—"The Public Health Aspect of Newly Proposed County Charters"—Dr. H. F. True, City Health Officer, Sacramento, California.

Discussion—Dr. George F. Luckett, Assistant Professor of Hygiene, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

Dr. Wm. Murphy, member San Mateo County Board of Freeholders.

EPIDEMIC ENCEPHALITIS NOT UNDULY PREVALENT

The appearance of an outbreak of epidemic encephalitis, popularly known as "sleeping sickness," in an eastern city has caused considerable apprehension in other parts of the country. It may be said that this disease is not unusually prevalent in California and that at the present time no alarm need be felt lest the disease become epidemic in this State. Epidemic encephalitis has occurred in almost every month of every year in California since 1919, when it made its first appearance. All cases that have been reported during recent years are isolated, sporadic cases. There has been no group of cases of epidemic encephalitis in California since 1924.

While this disease has appeared in European countries in epidemic form over long periods of years, no epidemic of this disease had ever occurred in the United States until September of 1918, when it first appeared in New York City. Cases were reported in California in the spring of 1919 and in March of that year the California State Board of Public Health made it a reportable disease in this State. California

was one of the first States to make epidemic encephalitis reportable. Similar control measures are employed in epidemic encephalitis (sleeping sickness), epidemic poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) and epidemic meningitis. All three of these diseases are highly disastrous and the fatality rate in epidemic encephalitis is especially high.

Since this disease is present at all times, each individual case must be placed under careful supervision. It is certain that carriers play important roles in the spread of all three of these diseases. The phenomenon by which epidemics of encephalitis occur is unknown, but it is presumed that the infection gains an added virulence and, under certain unknown conditions, epidemics occur. At all events, there is no occasion for alarm over this disease in California at the present time. As long as individual sporadic cases that occur are placed under strict supervision, it is believed that adequate control measures will keep the disease in check.

Following are the numbers of cases and deaths from epidemic encephalitis that have occurred in California since its first appearance in 1919:

Year	Cases	Deaths
1919	78	--
1920	94	59
1921	159	84
1922	114	69
1923	144	69
1924	145	81
1925	112	82
1926	90	64
1927	87	59
1928	75	57
1929	102	76
1930	82	57
1931	56	40
1932	56	38
1933	24	16

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So, very, very slowly, with many a slip and stumble, and many a scar to show for early errors, mankind has reached the point where Nature is no longer a thing to fear, no longer a thing to fight, no longer a thing to conquer even, as a rebellious slave; but rather a bountiful mother, to be studied, understood, cooperated with—blood of our blood, bone of our bone, literally as well as metaphorically—and harmful to us only when we fail to understand, or venture rashly into foolish feats.—H. W. Hill, M.D.

Tell me how a people uses its leisure and I will tell you the quality of its civilization.—Maeterlinck.

DR. MORRISON IS SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Harold E. Morrison has been appointed Health Officer of San Mateo County under the provisions of a new county charter which also provides for the county manager form of government. Dr. Morrison was formerly connected with the Los Angeles City School Department. Under the new San Mateo County charter, he has many duties other than those which belong ordinarily to the health officer, such as those related to indigent relief, charities and similar activities.

Dr. Morrison succeeds Dr. F. Holmes Smith of San Bruno, who has served long and faithfully as County Health Officer under the old form of county government.

COUNTY TAKES OVER BURBANK HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The city of Burbank has contracted with the Los Angeles County Health Department for the administration of its public health beginning September 1. Headquarters will be maintained in the Glendale Health Center.

SISKIYOU COUNTY HAS NEW HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Albert H. Newton of Yreka has been appointed Health Officer of Siskiyou County to succeed Dr. Charles Pius.

APPLICATIONS FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL PERMITS GRANTED

The following sewage disposal permits were granted by the State Board of Public Health on August 26, 1933, to become effective September 5, 1933:

Azusa—Permit to construct and operate a separate sludge digestion—sprinkling filter—chlorination plant on a ten-acre site just south of San Bernardino base line in the city of Azusa, and to dispose of the effluent on said site.

San Francisco, San Francisco County Jail—Permit to the City and County of San Francisco to build and maintain an Imhoff tank and activated sludge plant with chlorination of effluent, for the sewage of the San Francisco County jail located on the Sneath ranch in San Mateo County; and to dispose of the effluent at the head of San Bruno Creek.

Sonoma—Permit to dispose of settled sewage through an outfall to tidewater in Sonoma Creek.

HEALTH CONSERVATION CONTEST

The Health Conservation Contest which is held annually under the auspices of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the American Public Health Association has aroused great interest in municipal public health administration among cities of California and throughout the United States. Alhambra and Lodi have both won first place in these contests, among cities of their respective classification of population. Many other California cities have won honorable mention and stand close to the winners.

Herbert J. Samuels, D.D.S., of Oakland, has for many years taken an active interest in community public health administration and he has written an article entitled "Committees on Public Health in Chambers of Commerce." Dr. Samuels in this article makes many valuable suggestions for committees of chambers of commerce which may sponsor competitions in their respective cities. While the suggested activities do not run parallel to all of the requirements of the contest, they constitute a valuable supplementary index to public health activities which may have a direct bearing upon the development of the essential features of the contest. Health officers and members of local chambers of commerce may profit through the use of Dr. Samuel's suggestions.

MORBIDITY***Diphtheria**

23 cases of diphtheria have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles County 3, Huntington Park 1, Los Angeles 14, San Gabriel 1, Point Arena 1, Sacramento County 1, San Diego 1, San Francisco 1.

Chickenpox

45 cases of chickenpox have been reported. Those communities reporting 10 or more cases are as follows: Los Angeles 10.

Measles

70 cases of measles have been reported. Those communities reporting 10 or more cases are as follows: San Diego 25.

Scarlet Fever

48 cases of scarlet fever have been reported, the cases being scattered over the State.

Whooping Cough

192 cases of whooping cough have been reported. Those communities reporting 10 or more cases are as

* From reports received on August 28th and 29th for week ending August 26th.

follows: Berkeley 12, Oakland 17, Los Angeles County 23, Los Angeles 59, San Francisco 11.

Smallpox

5 cases of smallpox have been reported, as follows: Inglewood 1, Long Beach 1, Los Angeles 1, San Diego 1, Santa Clara County 1.

Typhoid Fever

9 cases of typhoid fever have been reported, as follows: Kern County 1, Compton 2, Los Angeles 1, Anaheim 1, Riverside County 1, Riverside 1, Chula Vista 1, California 1.**

Meningitis (Epidemic)

3 cases of epidemic meningitis from Los Angeles have been reported.

Leprosy

1 case of leprosy from Los Angeles County has been reported.

Poliomyelitis

3 cases of poliomyelitis have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles 2, San Diego 1.

Encephalitis (Epidemic)

2 cases of epidemic encephalitis have been reported, as follows: Richmond 1, Compton 1.

Tularemia

One case of tularemia from San Bernardino County has been reported.

Undulant Fever

4 cases of undulant fever have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles County 1, South Gate 1, Anaheim 1, Fullerton 1.

Food Poisoning

29 cases of food poisoning have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles 19, Madera 1, San Francisco 7, Ventura County 2.

** Cases charged to "California" represent patients ill before entering the State or those who contracted their illness traveling about the State throughout the incubation period of the disease. These cases are not chargeable to any one locality.